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it, and to continue it is still wrong. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the advancement of LB 114. It is a bill that I think has worked pretty well in terms of encouraging tourism in the state. Tourism is one of the largest industries in this state and, frankly, we have seen a significant increase over the years and in part because of the provisions of this act and the assistance that we can provide various interested visitors to our state and kind of encouraging them to stop along the way and take part and look at some certain things. I would like to make one quick argument that I think Senator Vickers kind of forgets. And that is the argument that the whole sunset provision is so that the Legislature can try to do something and then after a certain period of time make an assessment of whether it is beneficial or not, and then decide to continue it. Just because you put a sunset provision on a bill doesn't mean it automatically should kill the provision. I mean if you wanted to kill the provision, Senator Vickers, you should have done as you did, and I remind you that you did do, was offer some amendments to kill the thing and offer a kill motion and so forth, and you were tenacious and hard fought on that effort. At this point in time, if you want to kill it, you should also offer those kill motions, but the truth of the matter is that just because you have a sunset provision doesn't mean that it automatically has to die. You do a little assessment, a little analysis and we have done that and we have decided it is a good program, ought to stay, ought to be renewed, and that is what the motion is and I encourage the body to support LB 114.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would just rise to support the bill. I have in my hands resolutions from four various groups in the Grand Island area, including the County Board of Supervisors supporting the bill.